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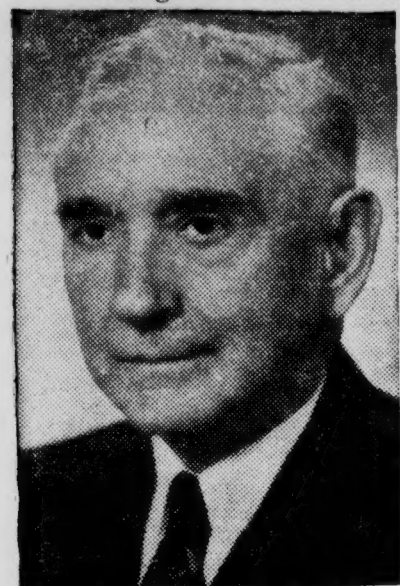
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Elder Bennion Dies at Age 71

Dr. Adam S. Bennion, member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles since 1953, who also had an illustrious career as an educator and business leader, died February 11 in the L.D.S. Hospital in Salt Lake City. He was 71.

He entered the hospital on February 5 when he suffered a cerebral hemorrhage.

Throughout Elder Bennion's busy life he was active in educational, religious, business, civic and political affairs. He was widely known and sought-after as a public speaker.



DR. ADAM S. BENNION

San Mateo Stake Radio Program

Preliminary arrangements have been made, and an LDS radio program is scheduled to begin broadcasting in the Bay area no later than March 1st, according to Jack Wilson, president of the Second Quorum of Elders, Redwood City Ward, who are sponsoring the show.

Radio time has been secured from KPN, the FM station at 101 megacycles in Atherton, which went on the air last Oct. 1. Available time is on Sunday, and plans are for a weekly program. The exact time has not yet been decided upon at this writing.

The program will consist of music and narrative, prepared by Church headquarters at Salt Lake City in record form. Wilson plans to begin with the thirty-record series on the history of the Church. The first records of the program already have been received.

Contact with the station was made by Stanley Reynolds of the Elders Quorum, who had a business connection through his store, Sterling Sound. In making arrangements, he and Wilson have worked in cooperation with Stanley Gibb of the High Council, chairman of the Radio and Publicity Committee.

Lt. Brinton Named To A-Weapons Job

Word comes that Lt. Robert Brinton, son of Edna and the late Milton Brinton Sr. of Berkeley First Ward, has been assigned to the Atomic Weapons Nuclear Office and will be transferred from his present station in France to El Paso, Texas in March.

Before going to his new assignment in Texas the young U. S. officer will visit his mother in Berkeley about March 15.

Robert Brinton is a brother to Dr. Milton Brinton, practicing Oakland physician.

ELDER BENNION was particularly well known and loved in the Bay Area. Last December 1 he offered the dedicatory prayer for the enlarged Los Altos Ward Chapel. A little more than a year previously he was principal speaker at an Oakland-Berkeley Conference in Richmond. In both cases he spoke eloquently about gospel values.

At the stake conference he recalled, with the wit for which he was noted, about the time as a young man he was attending the University of California at Berkeley, when he and his wife lived in a small apartment. "We had to make sure our visitors got the good chair," he said.

On April 6, 1953, Elder Bennion was named to the ruling body of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints—the Council of Twelve Apostles. He filled a vacancy created by the death of Dr. John A. Widstoe. He was third from the youngest in point of service on the Council of the Twelve.

HIS EARLY CAREER was in the field of education. He was superintendent of the Church's far-flung school system from 1919 until 1928. He then went into business, taking a position with the Utah Power and Light Co. He was a vice president of the utility company when he was appointed an apostle.

He was a director of the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad and had been a trustee of both the University of Utah and the Brigham Young University.

Elder Bennion was author of such books as "Fundamental Problems of Teaching," "An Appreciation of the Book of Mormon," "Facing Life" and "On Becoming a Teacher."

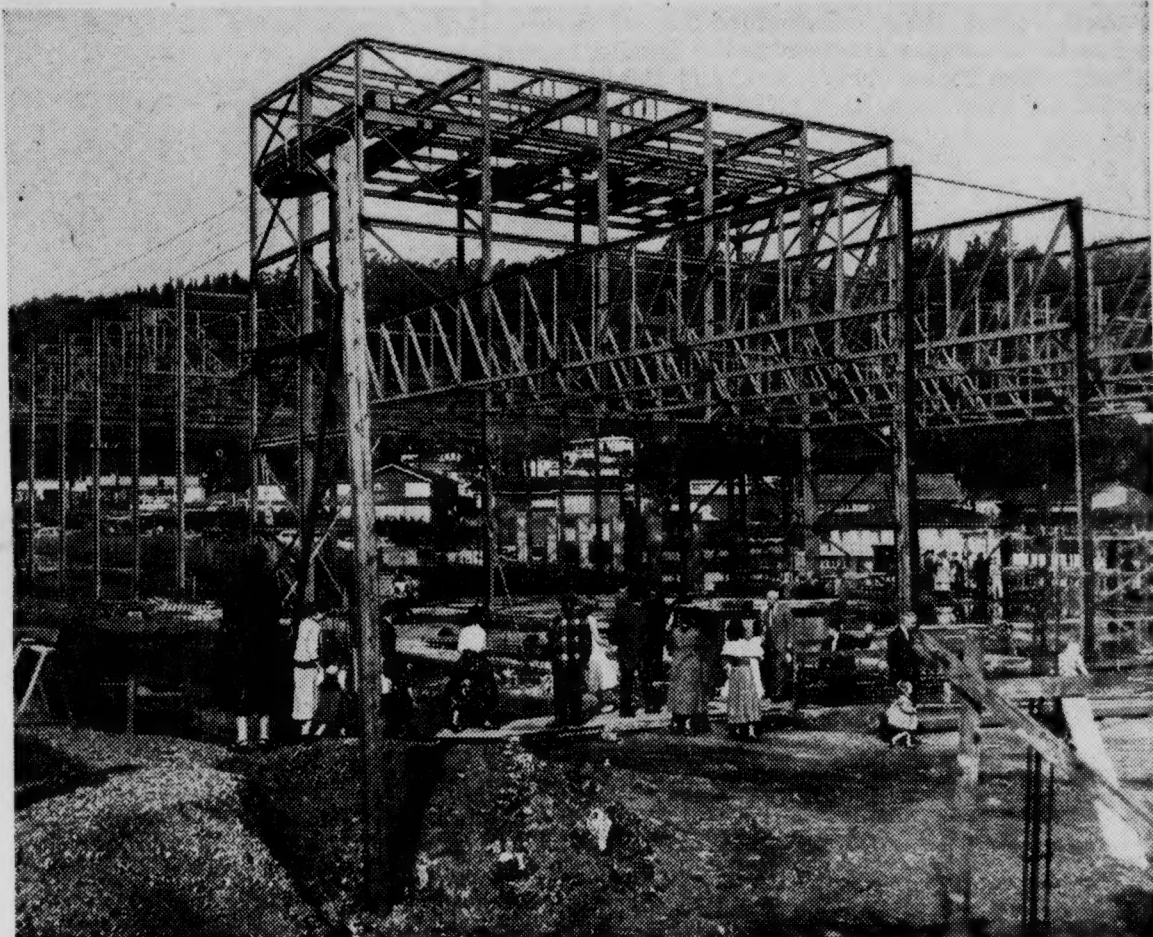
Survivors include his widow and five sons and daughters; Mrs. Ralph Stohl, Washington, D. C.; Adam Y. Bennion, Los Angeles attorney; Richard Y. Bennion, Salt Lake City jeweler; Mrs. Wallace Rogers, Salt Lake City; Edmund Y. Bennion, Tucson, Arizona investment broker.

Walnut Creek Ward

Reporters Named For Messenger

Appointment of Anna Lea Spencer and Ruth Mauss as Ward reporters for The Messenger, inter-stake newspaper of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, was announced by Bishop Mark R. Bickley of Walnut Creek Ward. The appointments are designed to increase news coverage of ward activities, Bishop Bickley said.

Sister Spencer is the wife of Glenn Spencer and lives at 64 Terrace Road, Walnut Creek. Sister Mauss and her husband Armand live at 1912 Meadow Road, Walnut Creek.



HIGH ATOP TEMPLE HILL in Oakland members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints inspect superstructure of Tri-Stake Center, unique in the Church in that it will serve several stakes. Visitors were audibly impressed with the huge size of the project and progress of the work. Complete, the Center will serve Hayward, Walnut Creek and Oakland-Berkeley Stakes, and provide a chapel for Oakland and Oakland Third Wards.

Photo by Edward Pyle

MIA Institute Of Division 12 Here March 29

A full complement of General Board members of the Mutual Improvement Association led by General Superintendent Elber R. Curtis and General President Bertha S. Reeder are expected to attend the annual MIA Institute of Division 12 which will be held in the Bay area on Saturday, March 29, according to Elder Kirke M. Decker, Division Co-chairman.

Expected to attend are more than one thousand ward and stake MIA workers from the 13 stakes of Northern California comprising Division 12. In addition, ward and stake Priesthood leaders are invited.

All-day meetings are scheduled for stake workers and afternoon workshop sessions will be held for all MIA departments for ward and stake leaders. All meetings and workshops will be conducted by the general boards executives and departmental leaders.

Opening sessions will be held at the Walnut Creek beginning at 9:30 a.m. for Stake and Division Leaders. Following the General assembly meeting leaders will gather in separate departmental meetings.

Ward and Stake Departmental leaders will attend workshop sessions of their respective departments which are called for 2 p.m. and will be held in ward chapels in Oakland, Berkeley, Richmond, Walnut Creek and Concord. Every chapel in the Oakland-Berkeley Stake and two chapels in the Walnut Creek Stake are required to house all the meetings.

All morning sessions for Stake leaders will be held in the Walnut Creek Chapel. Afternoon meetings of Ward and Stake Executives will also be held in the Walnut Creek Chapel.

Chapels assigned for the afternoon departmental workshops are Berkeley Chapel, Explorers, Mia Maids and Music; Oakland Third

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Young Members of Berkeley Wards Win Honors in School and Church

Five young members of the Berkeley First and Second wards are demonstrating these days that distinguished work in school goes hand in hand with outstanding Church work.

Jean Merrill, 18, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Malcolm H. Merrill, who is attending the University of California, placed eighth scholastically in her January Berkeley High School graduating class. She was a Seal Bearer of the California Scholarship Federation, won an award in music and was active in Berkeley High School dramatics. A Junior Gleaner in Berkeley First Ward, Jean is an Honor Bee and is working toward a Silver Gleaner award.

Sue Fife and Tom Fife are the son and daughter of Bishop and Mrs. Leland J. Fife of the Berkeley First Ward.

Sue was chosen as one of the graduation speakers at the Berkeley High School exercises in January, and her outstanding talk was given at a Sacramento meeting. Sue,

(see picture on page 3)

17, who will attend Brigham Young University next fall, also is a Junior Gleaner and is working toward her Silver Gleaner. She sang and danced in high school musical productions and appeared in a number of ward drama and music activities.

Tom Fife, 15, is president of the High-Sophomore class at Berkeley High School. He is an Explorer and has been a leader in many ward activities.

Bill Owens, 17-year-old son of Bishop and Mrs. Richard W. Owens of the University Ward, recently was elected president of El Cerrito High School. Bill, a Junior M-Man, returned late last year from New Zealand where he spent part of the year as an American Field Service Exchange student.

Ann Balmforth, 17, student at El Cerrito High School, was elected Commissioner of Publicity for the student body. She is the daughter of Brother and Sister Ray Balm-

forth of the Berkeley Second Ward. Ann, like the other two girls Junior Gleaner and an Honor Bee, is working toward her Silver Gleaner award and has been particularly active in ward dramatics.

All five have received individual awards for participation in Church activity and attendance at meetings.

Elder Morris Advises

'Just Step On Your Troubles'

"Step on your troubles," advised Elder George Q. Morris of the Council of the Twelve at the San Mateo Stake quarterly conference, held February 8 and 9. "That's what troubles are for. Use them as stairs to step up to the finer things in life."

Contact with sin is necessary, he said. We are here to recognize temptation and reject it. Only in this manner will we gain peace, light, and strength. "Whatever your troubles," he said, "if you keep sweet in the faith you will find peace in this and in the eternal life." Adversity will bring us qualities that can be achieved in no other way.

Elder Eldred G. Smith, Patriarch of the Church, visiting the area for the first time, gave advice regarding misconceptions of a patriarchal blessing. It is not, he stated, fortune telling. On the contrary, the things mentioned in such a blessing are those which you will have to work hardest to accomplish. Things that will come easy,

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Oakland Second Ward

Sunday School Officers, Teachers Hit 100 Per Cent Attendance Mark

By Karen Shaw

Sunday School officers and teachers of the Oakland Second Ward had 100 percent attendance at the January stake preparation meeting. As a result, the stake board took over all positions of our ward Sunday School on February 9, while ward leaders visited other ward Sunday Schools in the Stake. Special thanks are extended to the Sunday School superintendency, Vern Blake, Jack James, and Doyle Stock for the wonderful job they have been doing in their organizations.

Red paper hearts adorned the recreation hall on February 11, the night of the Valentine party presented by the MIA. The event was under the direction of activity directors, Dorothy and Otis Webb. Games, dancing and refreshments were on the agenda.

The welcome mat was recently rolled out for the Elders Allen Hampden and Vern Wood, full-time missionaries who have been assigned to labor in this area.

Wedding bells have been ringing for two couples of the ward. Elvina Jacobsen and Bob Botts exchanged vows at the Los Angeles Temple February 15, and Ralene Darton and Gary Simonson were married at the Logan Temple, Jan-



DAVID WIMMER

San Lorenzo Ward

David Wimmer Leaving Soon For Mission

David Wimmer, son of W. R. and Lenna Wimmer of the San Lorenzo Ward, has been called to fulfill a mission in West Germany.

David, who is in his second year at Brigham Young University, has been active in Church work in his home ward and stake and at the Y. He was stake Junior M Men president in the old Oakland Stake and has held many responsible positions of leadership since he became a deacon.

He is also a capable musician and has given of his talents whenever called upon at Church or school.

At San Lorenzo High School he was graduated with a scholarship to the BYU, won the Bank of America Gold Cup award and was one of the speakers at the graduation exercises. He won a number of other awards.

David will enter the missionary school in Salt Lake City on April 14 and plans to leave for Germany the latter part of April.

A farewell testimonial will be held at the San Lorenzo Ward Sunday, March 30 at 5 p.m., with a social following in the recreation hall. The services, to which everyone is invited, will be under direction of Bishop Douglas P. Larsen.

David's brother, Robert, is now serving in the North German Mission.

Elder Garbett Tells Of Key To Happiness

By Nell Smith

As Elder Jack Garbett poured baby formula into bottles he sighed as he said, "What would I like to have most of all? A million dollars of course, doesn't everyone want that?" Elder Jack did an encore in the father role on December 26, when he was presented with a second baby boy, Brent, who has a two year old brother, Scott.

Under these circumstances it is natural for Jack to think first of providing for his wife and boys, and as we talked on Jack decided that money might help to bring happiness but a true and enduring joy in living can only come from . . . "Keeping the commandments and participating in church activities."

Born in Payson, Utah, Jack is one of the younger elders in the Fourth Quorum. He attended schools in Mojave and was a student at Brigham Young University. He contributed two years to the U. S. Armed Forces serving most of that time with the Army in Korea. A love of music, any kind, but mostly vocal, was the medium by which he met pretty and pert Beverly

Hayward Ward

Ward Auxiliaries Set New Goals; New Set of Officers Head YMMIA

By Oral Grow

New goals have been set by ward auxiliaries for 1958. Reports were given by the leaders of the organizations at correlation meeting Jan. 13. The Bishopric expressed the necessity of keeping up the percentage of ward teaching, and increasing Sacrament Meeting attendance. Social activities are being planned with the goal in mind to promote friendship among members.

Bishop McClellan encourages heads of the ward organizations to see that prayer meetings are better attended. Without this special guidance there cannot be spirituality and harmony in the auxiliaries, he points out.

The goals of the Sunday School, expressed by Superintendent Harley Justus, included an ushering program which has been effective in creating more reverence.

The YMMIA has been re-organized; Superintendent Phillip Shane; activity counselor, Victor Simard; age-group counselor, Chester Bryson; secretary Nathan Dubel; M-Men leader, Owen Stewart; Junior M-Men leader, Bernard Stewart; Explorer advisor, Charles Long; assistant Explorer advisor, Jerry Morrow; Scoutmaster, Charles Parker; assistant scoutmaster, Bruce Hepworth; athletic director, Richard Nelson.

Sister Frances Inman, president of the YWMA, announced the Ward Carnival, Feb. 11, was successful.

Activities for the month of March include: 7th—Golden Gleaner and Master M-Men Dinner; 11th—Lucky Clover Dance (Ward).

Carolyn Waddell, Relief Society president, announced plans for increasing attendance at meetings.

Birthday Greetings with special invitations to meetings are sent monthly. There were 11 sisters honored at the Work Meeting Feb. 12. March is the Birthday of the Relief Society organizations and a special program has been planned. A Spring Bazaar is set for May 17th. Chairmen have been appointed and materials distributed for sewing. Donations of all types of handiwork would be greatly appreciated.

The Genealogy Committee is now functioning and eager to help members with their genealogical problems. John Golecke, chairman, urges us to be "genealogy minded."

CASTRO VALLEY and Hayward Ward choirs furnished the music for the Stake Conference. Sister Eva Newton is choir director.

We are happy to see Evelyn Hutchings back into activity after a long illness. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Pierre Larre, who has been released from the hospital and is home now. Sister Elizabeth Phister is feeling better and was able to attend Relief Society Work Meeting at which she was among the honored guests. We send greetings to Pearl Webb who has been ill for several months. Rebecca Golecke is now able to attend Sacrament Meetings occasionally.

The following officers and teachers have been released from their ward positions for various reasons: Betty McCollam, Primary teacher;

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Wiseman whom he married on April 16, 1955. Both studied in the B.Y.U. Opera Workshop and Beverly likes to remember that Jack composed a love song, words and music, just for her.

Elder Garbett says he never took much serious interest in his Church until he moved to Castro Valley. Then as he acquired a wife and baby he realized that he had established a family unit of his own and with it the full responsibility of his family's spiritual, as well as physical welfare.

He and Beverly were sought after to lend their fine voices in duets for Church events and then Jack was appointed to the post of secretary of the quorum.

Elder Garbett still feels that "Activity in the Church is the key to happiness."



VIRGINIA WHITE

San Leandro Ward

Virginia White, Lyman M. Hill to Wed on April 2

Miss Virginia Dell (Jenny) White, a member of the San Leandro Ward, will be married to Lyman M. Hill in April. It is announced by the bride-elect's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morris White, 1459 View Drive, San Leandro.

The young couple will be married April 2 at the Los Angeles Temple.

Miss White attended Phoenix College, Arizona, and Brigham Young University. She was affiliated with Kappa Delta Nu sorority in Phoenix and with the OS social unit at the B.Y.U.

She was active in Church affairs in Phoenix, where she taught Sunday School and Primary. Since coming to California she worked in the MIA as speech director of the San Mateo Ward, and is now teaching in the San Leandro Ward Mutual.

She is employed at First Western Bank, Oakland.

The bridegroom-to-be is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman M. Hill of Monterey.

He received his B.A. degree at the University of Utah and his master's degree at San Francisco State College. He is affiliated with Kappa Sigma fraternity and is now employed as a speech therapist with the San Leandro Unified School District.

He is also active in Church, is teaching in the Sunday School and serves on the Hayward Stake MIA board.

Following their marriage they will reside in San Leandro.

BYU A Capella Chorus To Sing Here March 24

One of the top-ranked musical groups in the West will appear in the Bay Area, in March.

The Brigham Young University A Capella chorus, directed by Norman Gulbrandsen, is scheduled for an East Bay musical evening, Monday, March 24, at 8 p.m., in the Oakland Fourth ward, 4705 Virginia.

All persons interested in attending are urged to be in their seats before 8 p.m.

Performance in this area is sponsored by the Oakland-Berkeley stake. There is no admission charge.



CHURCH AND SCHOOL LEADERSHIP are correlated, as shown by these members of Berkeley First and Second Wards and Berkeley and El Cerrito High Schools. From left, front row, they are Jean Merrill, Sue Fife and Ann Balmforth; back row, Bill Owens and Tom Fife. (See Story on Page One)

San Leandro Ward

Elton Flauer Heads YMMIA

By Marilyn Nelson

Forest Johnson has been released from the YMMIA Superintendency because of school. He is succeeded by Elton Flauer. Counselors are Thomas Noble, for activity and Brother Moyes, age groups.

The Mutual sponsored a Valentine party February 11. Boys and girls brought their friends and danced to rock and roll music, and door prizes were presented. Homemade cookies and punch were served.

A ward banquet was held January 31 to raise money for the welfare program. Relief Society members served a dinner of chicken pies and vegetables, with cake for dessert. Entertainment included songs by Elaine Romer and Neil McCarthy, both from San Lorenzo Second ward. Cub scouts offered a puppet skit. Two of Helen Noble's students did dance numbers.

Members of the Special Interest class which is still growing, had a surprise birthday party February 4 for their teacher, Wilford L. Nelson, who celebrated his 75th birthday on February 9.

H. B. Brummett, who recently returned from a mission, is gravely ill with pneumonia.

Dates Are Listed For Conferences

Schedules for the General Conferences in Salt Lake City are listed here for the convenience of Northern California Latter-day Saints who want to do some long-range planning.

Annual Conference—April 4, 5, 6.

Primary Conference—April 2, 3. Semi-annual Sunday School Conference—April 6.

M. I. A. Conference—June 13, 14, 15, 16.

Semi-annual Conference—October 10, 11, 12.

Relief Society Conference—October 8, 9.

Semi-annual Sunday School Conference—October 12.

MIA Institute Of Division 12 Here March 29

(continued from page 1) Junior M Men-Junior Gleaners and Dance; Alameda Chapel, M Men-Gleaners, Drama and Speech; Claremont Chapel, Secretaries-Treasurers and Attendance Secretaries; Oakland Fourth Ward, Athletic, Sports and camping Directors.

Special Interest and Era Directors are assigned to the Richmond Chapel and the Bee Hive Girls and Boy Scout Leaders will meet in the Concord Ward Chapel.

Oakland-Berkeley and Walnut Creek Stakes will act as host stakes for the affair. It is planned to serve box lunches to the Stake leaders who are required to meet all day, and a special luncheon is being planned for general board members, division leaders and stake superintendents and presidents.

This area was honored last year in being allowed to present the first Institute of its kind in the Church. It was eminently successful and division leaders expect this year's event to be equally as effective, Brother Decker declared.

Walnut Creek Stake Senior Aaronic Potluck Party Attracts 150

Attendance at the Walnut Creek Stake Senior Aaronic Party, held at the Walnut Creek-Pleasant Hill Ward Chapel Friday evening, January 31, was 150, of whom 33 were recorded by the Concord Second Ward to capture first prize for ward attendance.

What was heralded as a "potluck" supper developed into a feast with ham and turkey vying with home-made tamales, Boston baked beans, chili con carne con frijoles, spaghetti, a variety of salads, and common-or-garden variety casseroles and souffles for attention.

Then there was garlic-French bread, fruit punch in quantity, pies (including lemon meringue!), cakes (including chocolate fudge!), puddings of great variety, cookies of lesser variety, but such quality they were exhausted early.

Many hands made light work—though specific tasks were assigned as projects there were enough volunteers for every task—from setting up tables and chairs to table decorations, to heating the already hot dishes, to setting up serving tables, to carrying out, carrying, replenishing, changing from entree to dessert, to clearing away, to washing dishes, to folding up tables and chairs, to sweeping out, to turning out the lights.

Every one of those tasks took planning, assignments, volunteers, and work. Wives, of course, did most of it from preparing the hot dishes, salads, and desserts, though to the "clean up," but they had help from their husbands and sons in some of the heavy work.

Each ward contributed one or more entertainers. Space prevents proper mention of all the delightful singers and entertainers, but the printer has left just enough to mention Bishop Von Nelson of Pleasant Hill and Brother Jaun Gonzales (Sister Gonzales made the tamales and together they accounted for 10 new members in January) competed for first honors with guitar and "vocal." Bishop Nelson won narrowly because he knew more Spanish.

Guests included the Stake Presidency and their wives, bishops of the wards and their wives, all stake senior Aaronic members, senior Aaronic advisors and committee members, ward secretaries, their wives, and friends.

There's enough credit to go around. Everybody will be happy if the first bow goes to President and Mrs. Norman B. Greer, President and Mrs. Kenneth D. Jensen, and President and Mrs. Joseph R. Hilton.

Hayward Stake Reports Needed About Genealogy

Genealogy work should be reported to genealogical chairman or secretaries, it is pointed out by Hilda Applegate, secretary of the Hayward Genealogy Committee. This includes such activities as letters written and received, pedigree charts and family group sheets made out, hours spent in research either in libraries or at home, and temple work.

Reports should be made to the following chairmen and secretaries:

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JUAN GONZALES, a native of Mexico and head of a family of 10, nine of whom were baptized and became members of Concord Ward in December. He is shown here accompanying his own solo for entertainment of the Walnut Creek Stake Senior Aaronic Social January 31. (His wife Hortencia furnished home-made tamales for the potluck supper that night. Old-time tamale addicts agreed they were the MOST—to say the least.)

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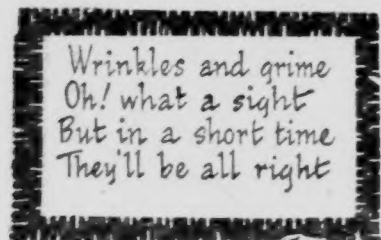
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Ten in Walnut Creek Stake Family Baptized



TEN MEMBERS of this fine family were baptized in one day, establishing a record for the burgeoning new Walnut Creek Stake and a record that the Church's other 250 stakes will find it difficult to equal. Left to right, front row, are President Robert W. Chalmers, Sister Ida Hunt, missionary; Hortensia Gonzales, Juan G. Gonzales and Sister Mae Davis, missionary. Second row, Marta, Elena, Isabel, Lorenzo, Xavier and Ruben. Third row, Roberto Juan, Jr., Sylvia, Sylvia, Jr. and Maria. All persons in the picture were baptized except the two young girls, Elena and Isabel and the infant Sylvia in her mother's arms. One older daughter, married, and not pictured here, also was not baptized.

2 Missionaries Tell Details Of Conversion

An outstanding missionary achievement has been recorded in the Walnut Creek Stake, the conversion and baptism of 10 persons in one family as the result of the work of two women missionaries, Sister Ida Hunt and Sister Mae Davis.

Ten members of the Juan G. Gonzales Sr. family were baptized on January 3, climaxing months of effort on the part of the two missionaries in the Concord Second District, Walnut Creek Stake Mission. Robert W. Chalmers is president.

Here is the story, as told by Sister Hunt and Sister Davis:

It was a beautiful day in June. We had knelt and had our prayers together as we always do, asking our Heavenly Father to guide us to those seeking the earnest in heart. This He did, we can testify to this.

WE STARTED out and were directed to Cowell (south of Concord) as we had a member there we, as visiting teachers, were to call on.

After leaving her home we went tracing, knocking on many doors. Finally one was opened; this was the home of Sylvia Gonzales Jr. We gave her the three in one lesson.

4329—he'll tell details.

BOY SCOUTS were in the news at Pleasant Hill Ward in February—they gave an outstanding program at the February 9 Sacrament Meeting, with Cubs through Explorer Ranks participating; then on Thursday eve, February 14, Cubs were hosts to their fathers at a fine dinner at the Chapel.

GETTING READY for a busy March month are members of the Relief Society, Myrna Carroll, president, says that the Singing Mothers, under direction of Joanne Chalmers, will provide music for the March 2 Sacrament Meeting, and are also rehearsing for participation with other RS Singing Mothers of Walnut Creek Stake for the late March Quarterly Conference.

"Husbands and Wives Party" is dated by the Relief Society March 14—this to commemorate the organization of this wonderful women's group of the Church.

Attending Sacrament Meetings?

This is a large family, so in order to get the message to all, we made many trips and at times felt a little discouraged as it seemed impossible to get them together as a family unit. But through prayer and fasting we at last got the (continued on page 13)

Mrs. T. G. Taylor of Idaho, who came to help out.

Of course, the Matthews—mom and dad and Timmy and Billy are especially elated about the arrival of their first Miss Matthews on February 12.

The love and best wishes of Pleasant Hill Ward go to Sister Lorraine Alger, recent convert who is recuperating at home following surgery performed at Oak Knoll hospital.

VALENTINE MONTH has been food and fun month, it seems, with a number of events occupying the social agenda. There was the Teen Gold and Green Ball—this a Stake affair—held at Concord Ward.

Several of Pleasant Hill Ward's Beehive girls enjoyed a pre-dance potluck at the home of their leader, Peggy Davis. In the gay group were Diana Layton, Marcia McClurg, Patricia Macey, Cheryl Andre, Carol Riggs, Diana Bingham, Mary Sue Cheney, Annette Kowalski, Sally Dotson, Patricia Friedrich and Ruth Stearns.

Valentine decor at the Chapel Recreation Hall Overlook Drive provided a colorful stake Sweetheart Ball on February 14, with many Pleasant Hill guys and gals among the merry-makers.

A FAMILY AFFAIR was the potluck dinner held on Friday eve, February 21, this too at the Recreation Hall—with a report on the Interstate Building highlighting the program.

Before We Leave party time—we should say that justweds Ione and Frank Brown of Pleasant Hill Ward, and Harold Barrows of Concord Ward have gathered a group of swirling skirts and twinkling toes "round for Friday eve beginning square dancing—this too a Stake-wide event, with Frank and Harold doing calling honors.

Those from Pleasant Hill who are still trying to figure out whether or not they have two left feet include: Don and Velda Coffin, Clyde and Rose Peterson, Dora and Rube Friedrich, Nils and Louise Swanson, Gwen and Martin Alfred, Marian Foulk, Lucille and Cliff Buchanan; "pros" Maurine and Paul Corbridge attend and help the amateurs find their right and left hands!

Frank and Harold would extend warm welcome to interested new "squares" from throughout Walnut Creek Stake. Call Frank at YE 4-

Ideal Time to Inventory Our Hearts

By Dora Friedrick

What better time than February the month of Valentines and hearts, to pause for a moment and take inventory of our own hearts? Don't we all agree that they should be open, for charity; stout, for times of stress; gentle, as we express our love for families and fellow men, resolute, as we spread the word and works of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; finally, dedicated, to the striving, each day, to keep His commandments.

There are especially happy hearts in the homes of Bill and Dorothy Matthews and Louis and Eliza Sennier. It's lullaby time again, with both families singing to new daughters.

Lauren Elizabeth Sennier joined her parents, two brothers and two sisters on February 5, and was also greeted by maternal grandmother



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Quota System Necessary For Aaronic School

A total of 125 people attended the first lesson of the Senior Aaronic school of San Mateo stake, held Wednesday, February 12, at the San Mateo ward chapel.

Clifford Warner of the High Council, director of the school, stated that the response to the announcement of the school was so favorably received that it was necessary to place the wards of the stake on a quota basis to limit the size of the classes to workable groups.

The first lesson, "Who Am I?" was given by Burton Howard, MIA superintendent of the Redwood City ward. Other lessons will be given by equally qualified men—the very best available in the stake, Warner states.

There will be eleven lesson periods, one a week, and the twelfth week will be devoted to graduation exercises. The lessons include, "Need of a Religion," "The Godhead," "What of Joseph Smith?" "Restoration of the Church," and others in the regular course of lessons prepared by Church headquarters for the program.

While attendance at this first school was restricted to admittance by invitation only, Warner states that everyone will be given an opportunity. Plans are to hold two schools a year from now on in the stake.

Utah School Year Five Days Longer

The Utah State Board of Education has increased the length of the school year in Utah from 172 days to 177 days, effective in the 1958-59 school year.

In a joint statement the board said: "The board realizes that an extension of the number of days in which school is held will not alone solve our school problems in Utah.

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GORDON ALLEN PETERSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Peterson, of Concord First Ward, is on a mission in the New England States. He was graduated from Mt. Diablo High School in June, 1955, attended Contra Costa Junior College one year, then Brigham Young University. He has written to the ward saying how he misses everyone but also how much he is enjoying his mission.

San Mateo Ward

Young People Give Testimonies

Members of the Church attending the February Fast and Testimony meeting in the San Mateo Ward experienced an unusual testimony session. With more than 40 testimonies borne, more than half of them were from boys and girls in their early teens and younger.

Many of these young people expressed their gratitude for the opportunities afforded them by the Junior Genealogical Committee in making possible their visiting the Los Angeles Temple and participating in baptismal work. Spearheading this project in the ward are Gerald B. Van Zeban and his wife, Beth, who have completed two tours to the temple for this purpose.

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Walnut Creek Ward

Three-Act-Play, 'The Tender Age' Offered Mar. 4

By Anna Lea Spencer

This is your old friend back on the job once again only a different ward and a different stake. It's been a long time since you heard from us out this way; I hope we shall become better acquainted.

It's not the Atomic Age out this way that is causing all the excitement but "The Tender Age" a three-act play to be presented March 4th at 7:30 p.m. It is under the able direction of Yvonne Driggs Courtney, better known to people in show business as Yvonne King. She will be assisted by Dick Pippin and Joan Uffens. The cast includes such favorites as Reed Chase, Ethella Glomb, Leano Dehl, Norman Forby, Lynda Hamilton, JoAnn Wilkinson, Chris Jefferies, Tina Cole, Gayle Chamberlain, Dick Pippin, Donald Lee, Dan Sharp, Lynn Hodge, and Harmon Young.

Congratulations to our Junior M-Men basketball team. They are the Walnut Creek Stake Champions with 17 wins and 1 loss. They will be competing for the regional championship in which they came in second place last year. The play-offs were held this month and the finals will be in Stockton March 3rd. This team has been coached by Eugene Jensen. Our fine athletes are, Donald Lee, Chris Jefferies, Kent Steele, Clark Harris, Bill Lloyd, Dan Sharp, Len Thompson and Tom Watkins.

We wish to welcome into our ward and church Brent Rasmussen and Mrs. Margaret Degan who were baptized last month. Our Bishop is now the proud father of four lovely daughters. The latest arrived as a Valentine present February 14. Rulon and Delores Hatch's daughter Cynthia arrived January 13.

The bells are still ringing for Sandra Evans and Jack Stillwell, Seaman First Class, who were married December 27. Sandra is the lovely daughter of Peru and Hector Evans.

Our new Relief Society officers are Mary Jean Davis, president, Elizabeth O'Nion and Ruby Willert, first and second counselors, and Reva Smith, secretary.

The B. Y. U. A Cappella Choir will present a concert for the Inter-Stake Center Fund, March 26 at 8 p.m. at Walnut Creek Ward.

Home alive but limping are the boys and their dads of Scout Troop 211 who enjoyed a wonderful winter week-end at Camp Brey January 17th, 18th, 19th. They got in a lot of fine downhill skiing; they were able to hold priesthood meet-



THESE NEWLYWEDS, recently married in the Los Angeles Temple by President Benjamin L. Bowring, are now in Provo, Utah, where they are resuming their studies at Brigham Young University. The bride is the former Judith Ann Peterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. Peterson of 2836 Cedar St., Concord; the bridegroom is Bradley Well Nicholson, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Nicholson, Brown Summit, N.C. Judith Ann started attending the BYU following her graduation from Mt. Diablo High School in 1956. Bradley attended BYU for two years following his graduation from Montecillo High School in North Carolina. A reception was held for the couple in Concord Chapel following the wedding.

Martinez Ward

Two Called To Stake Missions

By Clara Carpenter

Two new stake missionaries have been called from the Martinez Ward, Cecil Douglas Carpenter and William Robert Zenk.

The Relief Society had a large crowd to a work and business meeting and a kitchen shower produced

ing and Sunday School at Hink's Lodge. Eight fathers, Wayne Barney, Les Swayze, Burt Letvitt, Max Beck, Tony Clark, Glenn Spencer, John Proctor and Delmar Young, 27 scouts, Mike Barney, Steven Thurgood, Mike Thurgood, Val Thomas, Don Jewkes, Lynn Hodge, Carl Stoll, Scout Sly, Steve Wilkinson, Jim Phillips, Terry Leavitt, Dave Johnson, Dennis Larsen, Danny Monaco, Max Christiansen, Mike Olpin, Terry Forby, Ricky Forby, Jim Coffee, Stuart Clark, Paron O'Nion, Steve Proctor, David Young, Grant Harris, and Clark Harris.

On February 24 the Cubs, Scouts, and Explorer's joined for their annual Banquet. The Award Ceremony, and Court of Honor was held. The boys are working hard on their advancements so they will be eligible for their summer camp activity.

many useful gifts.

Recent priesthood advancements include Frank Christensen, deacon; Art House, Steven Hanson and Neil Ross, teachers, and John Skewes, priest. Blake Napper was graduated from Primary into the Mutual.

Births: Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Nelson, a daughter, Connie Rae, born January 16, 1958. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Willardson, a daughter, Shelby Jean, born February 1, 1958.

The ward gave a surprise party for the Gib Harrison family, who are leaving soon and will be greatly missed.

The wedding of Joan Duke to Tom Wells took place in the Los Angeles Temple February 15. Several showers have been held for Mrs. Wells.

Mrs. Ruth Heneckson has returned from the hospital and is improving. Ward members also hope for the speedy recovery of Mrs. Lorraine Leaffer and Walter Skutt.

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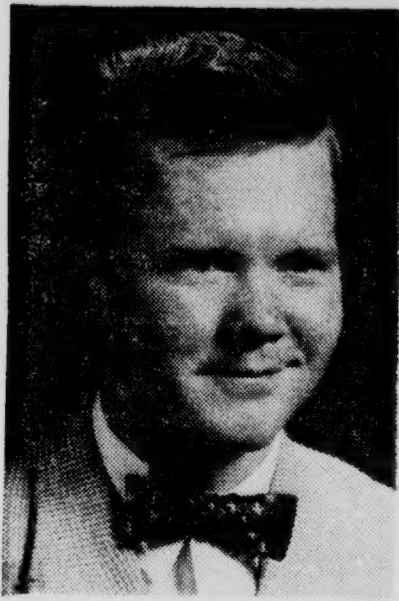
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Redwood City Ward

Wedding; Dance, Ordinations In News For Month

News of Redwood City ward for February included a wedding, a dance, priesthood ordinations, changes in office, and preparations for coming events.

On February 14 the popular Jacqueline Murdock married Elvey S. Hoyt. The ceremony was performed at the bride's home by Russell Rock of the bishopric. Some 40 guests attended. After refreshments, the newlyweds left for a honeymoon in Louisiana.

The Valentine party and dance, held in conjunction with San Carlos ward, was pronounced a success by MIA Superintendent Burton Howard. The MIA also sponsored a motion picture, "The Private War of Major Benson," at which the Scouts raised funds with the sale of refreshments.

Three men were ordained to the office of High Priest, John Weaver, Russell Rock, and William Moore; and five were ordained to Seventy, Carl Wilcox, Billie Trammel, Thomas Williams, Ben Oniki, and Andrew Jones.

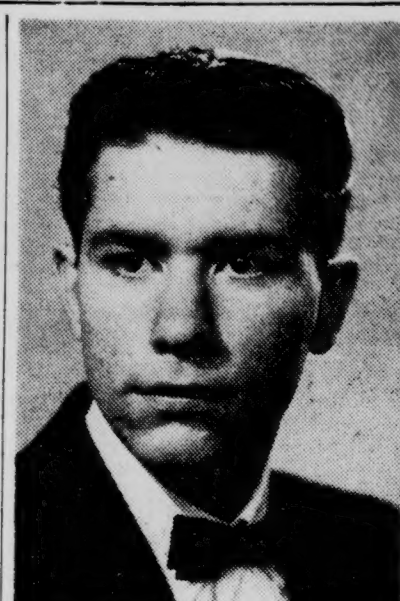
The Primary presidency was reorganized with Melba Alsop president, Geraldine Johnston, first, and Marcelle Sorenson second counselors. Pearl Wilson was sustained as second counselor of the YWMA.

The Relief Society is preparing for its annual ward conference March 2nd. President Vida Ross, Jean Johnson and Natalie Stratton will speak, and the youth speaker will be Neil Bodily. Music will be furnished by the singing mothers.

On March 19th the annual birthday of the Relief Society will be observed by a luncheon. The program will consist of the regular Shakespeare lesson, "King Lear."



WALLACE H. BAKER, Uruguayan Mission, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hayward Baker.



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Basketball Team

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their precious time so that we may more fully enjoy our sacrament meetings. Their beautiful music has greatly added to the spirit of our meetings and those of the other wards in which they have sung. Much of the credit goes to Ruth and Blaine Wilson under whose direction the choir functions. Look for a choir party to be held in March.

Anyone in the ward who is doing any genealogy work whatsoever is asked to contact Peggy Elliott at LU 2-1426. We are given credit for all genealogy research and temple work done. The more work being done in this area, the sooner we will have a Temple here.

gram will consist of the regular Shakespeare lesson, "King Lear."

And, looking ahead to the big fund-raising event of the year, a rummage sale April 17 and 18, the Relief Society is gathering material and making preparations in advance.

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Isabelle Larre, Primary secretary; Irene Newton, employment counselor in Relief Society; Charles McGrath, assistant scoutmaster; Thelma Earl, Work Day Leader in Relief Society.

New officers and teachers: Nadine Smith, employment counselor; Bruce Hepworth, assistant scoutmaster; Oral Grow, teacher-trainer for Primary, and work day leader in Relief Society; Loraine McGrath and Coleen Gunn, Primary teachers.

Bishop McClellan presented certificates of honor to the following couples who completed the special classes for Senior Aaronic Priesthood: Charles and Loraine McGrath; Jerry and Shanna Morrow, James and Dorothy Turner, Alvin and Phyllis Taylor, Bruce and Maxine Hepworth, and John Porter. Brother and Sister Owen L. Stewart were the instructors for the classes.

Bruce and Maxine Hepworth and their two sons just returned from Salt Lake City, where they received their Temple Endowments and sealings. Bruce's mother, Mary S. Hepworth, accompanied them home. She is from Grover, Wyoming, and plans on being here a month or more.

Elder Richard Crockett reports from the French Mission he is very busy in his missionary activities. He now presides as servicemen's coordinator. He sends his good wishes to all his friends in the ward.

Kenneth Kneehaw writes that he enjoys the monthly letter Bishop McClellan writes the servicemen and missionaries. Ken says the letters are newsy and interesting.

Congratulations to Gary Simonson and his new bride, Ralene. Also to Mary Katherine and William Morrison, who are residing in San Francisco.

This news may be known by everyone, but we wish to congratulate Judith Edner and Charles Long on their engagement. Chuck is keeping busy in ward activities while Judy is attending school at Provo.

Hayward ward has been showered with "Stork" Showers this past month: Ruth Johnson and Carolyn Waddell were hostesses at a shower for Margaret Murphy January 9. Sheryl Bohn was surprised at the home of Maxine Hepworth Jan. 22. Loraine McGrath and Maxine were the hostesses. Also a surprise shower for Betty McCollum was given February 12 at the home of Hulda McPherson. Evelyn Hutchings, Laura Fuyos and Hulder McPherson were hostesses.

BIRTHS:
Welcome is the new son of Richard and Sheryl Bohn, born Jan. 29th weighing 9 lbs. 13 oz. They also have another son, Rickie.

Margaret and Shannon Murphy were blessed with a baby daughter, Feb. 11, tipping the scales at 9 lbs. 4 oz. Denny was pleased with his new sister.

Sister Sarah Reid has been visiting from Salt Lake City. She is the mother of Gertrude Lesser. She was a guest speaker in several of our ward meetings including Relief Society, Fireside, and Sacrament Meeting. Sister Reid is now in her 93rd year. We're looking forward to her return.

Newly-arrived children include a boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lehi Smith, and a girl at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cybuski.

Members of the Relief Society recently heard a lecture by Dorothy Daley of the Dorothy Daley Charm and Modeling School.

Fund At BYU For Leadership

Edward J. Noble, founder of the Life Savers Corporation and the American Broadcasting Company, has given \$25,000 to the Edwin Smith Hinckley Scholarship Fund at Brigham Young University to assist young men and women students with a capacity for leadership.

News of the gift was announced by Robert H. Hinckley of Ogden and Salt Lake City, a vice-president of the American Broadcasting Company, friend and associate of Mr. Noble since 1938 when the two were appointed to the Civil Aeronautics Authority of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Seven Full-Time Missionaries In Menlo Park Ward

By Nelle Hughes

Why does Menlo Park Ward have seven full-time missionaries?

First, the ward is blessed with many young men and women who have a sincere testimony as to the truthfulness of the gospel of Jesus Christ, a thirst for knowledge of spiritual truths, a determination to live clean lives and a praiseworthy desire to preach the gospel to others.

Second, the ward has a missionary-minded bishop whose testimony and devotion to the gospel and unselfish service is an inspiration to all ward members. He shows others through his own example how to live an exemplary life that brings happiness. He is a good salesman selling the most valuable commodity known to man. Accordingly, he calls these wonderful young men and women to go out into the world to take this gospel to the honest of heart, to those who have ears to hear it.

These are the seven missionaries and where they are serving:

Stanley Michelsen, son of Mrs. Dorothy Skie, Uruguayan Mission.

Lawrence Goldrup, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Goldrup, West German Mission.

Keith A. Hales, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Hales, Brazilian Mission.

Beverly Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orville H. Clark, Uruguayan Mission.

Jerold Q. MacKay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel A. MacKay, Southern States Mission.

Wallace H. Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hayward Baker, Uruguayan Mission.

Kent H. Bringham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray N. Bringham, Central Atlantic States Mission.

So Menlo Park Ward appreciates, and is grateful for, the privilege of having seven missionaries giving of their time and substance in the Mission field—offering the way to salvation and eternal life.

The ward had its second baptismal excursion to the Los Angeles Temple, 16 girls, 15 boys and 10 adults making the trip by chartered bus.

Richard Grow is the newly-elected stake district president. Dr. Ralph Price having been released recently. Joe Sevy, Byron Hovik, George S. Hughes, Leo Robinson, William Jarrard and Eugene Cybuski were called to fulfill stake missions.

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Presidency Is Reorganized In New San Mateo Stake

By Samuel W. Taylor

At the first conference of San Mateo stake, its presidency was reorganized, because of the unexpected release of President Melvin P. Pickering necessitated by business reasons.

At the conference, held February 8th and 9th, William Lundquist Stoker, 45, of San Mateo, was sustained as stake president. William Stanford Durrant, 37, of Redwood City, was sustained first counselor; and James Bassett Jacobson, 36, of South San Francisco, second counselor in the presidency.

President Stoker is a vocal teacher whose coaching has launched many careers in show business. President Durrant is assistant cashier of the Bond Indemnity Department, Bank of America. President Jacobson is district group supervisor of the Prudential Insurance Company at San Francisco.

REORGANIZATION of the presidency was necessitated by the fact that President Pickering, who was sustained as stake president last September when San Mateo stake was created through the division of Palo Alto stake, was transferred by his company to its Salt Lake City district.

President William L. Stoker has become known in the San Francisco Bay area during the past ten years as "The Chapel Builder," because of his series of highly successful variety shows, produced with professional talent, to raise funds for the building programs of the area. No other one person has done so much in raising money for the construction of the string of new chapels that now dot the San Francisco peninsula. His latest show, produced January 17, was to finance the remodeling of the present San Mateo ward chapel to adapt it for use as a headquarters and center for the new stake.

After serving in the New England States Mission, Stoker returned to marry Faye Noyes of Los Angeles, whom he had met on a blind date. They were married at the Manti Temple June 21, 1938, and have four children, Judith Faye, 18, now attending the BYU; JoAnn, 16; Virginia, 13; and Linda, 4.

FOR THE PAST 18 years, Stoker has been a vocal teacher in San Francisco and Hollywood. One of his recent assignments was to coach Shirley Temple in preparation for her new TV show. Through his professional connections he has been able to secure the talent for his fund-raising variety shows.

He has served as counselor in the bishopric of Burlingame ward, bishop of San Mateo ward, member of the High Council of Palo Alto Stake, and first counselor in the presidency of San Mateo Stake, of which he is now president.

President William Stanford Durrant was born at Provo and attended the BYU from the first grade until his graduation with an A.B. He obtained his master's degree in business administration at Stanford, then entered banking. He married Lois Hammond of Salt Lake City at the Salt Lake Temple September 9, 1953. There is one child, Stanford Hammond Durrant, 28 months.

HE SERVED a mission to the Argentine, and has been ward and stake superintendent of MIA, bishop's counselor, and second counselor in the presidency of San Mateo stake as first organized.

President James B. Jacobson was born in San Francisco, and attended high school and college in Los Angeles, where he received his B.S. degree from UCLA in 1947. He did

Bishop Johnson Injured In Blast

By Nina Palmer

Young Women of the Oakland-Berkeley and Hayward Stakes, have your 30th birthdays come and gong and left you stranded without your membership in an exclusive organization? Were you one of those procrastinators who kept saying, "I have plenty of time to earn my Golden-Gleaner award," but who waited one year too long because now your 30th birthday has passed you by?

If you are, we're sorry because we know what you're missing. But those of you who still have time, take heed! Get those requirements filled today because we're looking forward to your membership in our group. We're looking for those girls who have developed leadership and well rounded lives as a result of completing their Golden-Gleaner requirements.

We meet the fourth Monday of each month in our members' homes and have an interesting cultural, educational, and social program planned this year under the direction of our program committee, Lee Esperson, chairman; Vivian Nicolayson, Sara Ferston, and Beverly Merrill.

A date for all Master M-Men and Golden Gleaners to remember is March 28th. That is the night of the Annual Dinner-Dance, which is being planned by our newly-elected officers: Estherella Olszowka, president; Violet Fontano, vice president; Marjorie Hawkins and Kliffa Engberson, secretary, and assistant secretary respectively; and Nina Palmer, historian.

He was Sunday school superintendent, bishop's counselor, and bishop, at Reseda ward in Los Angeles, and before moving to the Bay area was first counselor of the Reseda stake presidency.

A total of 1036 people attended the conference, which was presided over by Elder George Q. Morris of the Quorum of the Twelve, and Elder Eldred G. Smith, Patriarch of the Church.

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THESE THREE lovely young ladies are shown being presented at the Burlingame-San Bruno wards Gold and Green ball. From left, Linda Peterson, Burlingame Ward; Ann Loveless, San Bruno Ward, and Syd Dyal, San Bruno Ward. They are shown with their fathers.

Two Wards Join For Successful Gold-Green Ball

By James L. Taylor

The ceiling of the Burlingame Ward Recreation Hall was covered with streamers of gold and green. Strains of danceable music filled the air. The occasion? The annual Gold and Green Ball presented by the combined Mutual organizations of the Burlingame and San Bruno Wards.

It was a well-attended dance and everyone had an enjoyable time whether they were dancing, chatting with friends at the punch bowl or relaxing in front of the fireplace. The highlight came at 10:15. To the music of "Now Is The Hour" three lovely, talented young ladies were presented. Linda Peterson, Burlingame Ward; and Syd Dyal and Ann Loveless, San Bruno Ward.

Each girl in turn entered the stage as a clever, "heavenly" characterization of her was read concerning her attributes and talents. When she reached the center of

San Mateo Stake

Elder Morris, In Conference Talk, Advises, 'Step On Your Troubles'

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he pointed out, would have no reason for mention in the blessing. **THINGS THAT** are not mentioned in a blessing can be accomplished, he said. A blessing is not a blueprint. And, he concluded, a blessing is a private thing, not to be passed around. Keep it sacred to yourself, he advised, and seek guidance to its fulfillment.

The stage a crown was placed on her head and she was given a plaque containing the inspirational words of "If, For Girls," by J. P. McEvoy. Applause greeted her as she left the stage and joined her father or escort for that special dance.

After this presentation cake and punch was served from tables decorated in keeping with the theme. Each corner of the green tablecloths was fastened with a group of gold chrysanthemums.

Guests leaving the hall commented about the fine music of Monte Navaro and about officers and teachers of the two wards who planned and directed the ball.



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Achievements In Stake Mission

By Stanley S. Gibb

Raymond A. Hansen, San Mateo Mission president reports that in the San Mateo Mission area there are 4,066 L.D.S. and 394,000 non-members. In other words, every hundredth person you would meet in the confines of the Stake would be a member of the Church. And to proselyte the gospel are but 25 Stake missionaries.

For the October to January period of four months, the following has been accomplished with these 25 excellent missionaries: Filled 658 assignments, or 165 per month; Spent 1105 hours in missionary work—176 hours per month; held

275 cottage meetings, 69 per month; and baptized 12 converts—3 per month.

Counselors to President Hansen are Alven Gentry (San Carlos Ward), and Raymond Lloyd (Burlingame Ward) with Deanna Gentry Secretary. Carl Wilcox is president of the Redwood City-San Carlos Wards District; Thomas Abbott, president of the San Mateo-San Mateo Second Wards district; no president has yet been selected for the Burlingame-San Bruno Wards District.

The urgent need in the mission at present is for more missionary workers.

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LEADERS OF RAY WARD RELIEF SOCIETY, preparing for birthday party March 12 (and a special night celebration March 3 for working mothers) are, from left, Chloe Koldevyn, first counselor; Merle Dorius, president; Margaret Judson, second counselor, and Lillian Conwell, secretary.

Balboa Second Ward

Aaronic Priesthood Variety Show To Be Presented March 1, 7 p.m.

By Lola Geary

The Aaronic Priesthood Variety Show "South Seas Motif," will be presented March 1, at Mission Ward Recreation Hall, at 7 p.m. This is a Building Fund Project.

There were many Valentine Day events, Class 10, of the Sunday School, under the direction of their instructors, Jerry Harte, held a party at the home of Sharon Sharpe. These fourteen teenagers had a very good time, they report.

Welfare Sewing is an up-and-coming project. Sister Maude Preston is well along with the organization of this project.

Brother Tom Clarke, Sunday School Superintendent, has moved down the peninsula so watch for news about the reorganization of this auxiliary. Sister Alice Patrick, who has served for sometime as Sunday School Librarian, was released from this service with a vote of thanks for the splendid job she has done. This will enable her to devote more of her time to the YVMA.

THE OFFICERS of the Deacon's Chorum were released with a vote of thanks for their work and a new group installed. They are: David Buckley, president, Corey Nelson and Roger Craft counselors, and James Stull continues as secretary.

Sister Mabel Gonzales, daughter of Sister Mabel Pryzbysla underwent major surgery the first of the month but is reportedly making satisfactory progress at this time.

Babies blessed during the past month were Robert Stephen Baptista and Graig N. Tatarian. Laura Renee Taylor was baptized. Roger Lee Austin graduated from primary and was ordained a deacon.

The Relief Society Birthday Party will be held March 12. This

is a big highlight of the Relief Society. Let's see all the sisters there along with any friends you can persuade to come.

A rummage sale is planned in the near future under the direction of the Relief Society and please everybody "CONTRIBUTE!" Arrangements are made to pick up any articles contributed.

The San Francisco Stake Genealogy work classes are held each Wednesday evening at Mission Ward under the leadership of Sister Schierer.

Evan and Madeline Hunter welcomed a second son, January 20 He has a big brother Stephen, age 4, and sister Connie, 2.

ENGAGEMENTS
Pearl Buckley of our ward and Robert H. Terry of Sunset Ward have announced their engagement. This talented, lovely young couple are planning a June 16th wedding at the Salt Lake Temple.

Sonja Swenson of Mission Ward and Orval Taylor of this ward announced their engagement last fall and are planning a July wedding at the Los Angeles Temple. Both Orval and Pearl are activity working in the MIA.

BISHOP'S MESSAGE, as prepared by Leon Leavell.

The General Authorities have told us that there is no duty more sacred or more necessary, if it is carried out as it should be, than the duties of the Ward Teachers who visit the homes of the Saints, who pray with them, who admonish them to virtue and honor, to unity, to love and to faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The great responsibility and privilege of Ward Teachers is to give help, encouragement, and inspiration to every individual. Ward Teaching presents one of the greatest opportunities in all the world to awaken in those who are negligent, discouraged, downhearted and sad, a renewed interest in life and a desire to re-enter into the activity in the church.

Members of the Church should open their doors, call in the members of their families, turn off the radio and TV, and respect the visits of the teachers to their homes.

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NO STORM NOR SLEET NOR HOUSEHOLD CARES keep the visiting teachers of the Relief Society from their appointed rounds. Honored at a Valentine luncheon of San Mateo Stake were, front row, Rosabelle Durrant and Ingrid Nelson; back row, Lois Stoker, Artha Dayton, Bernice Stanton, and Hazel Young.

S. F. Genealogy Workshop Notes

Workshop genealogy classes in San Francisco have added success to personal efforts when teamed with good instruction to cope with the domestic and foreign correspondence problems.

Mrs. Loretta Wyatt of Bay Ward, has obtained seven 1841 and 1851 census records from Scotland and London Public Record Offices while completing Oregon families from pioneer records on her husband Butler Family, from Maine.

Evan Hunter of Balboa Second Ward, with his parents Gardello and Mae Sullivan Hunter, are revising some old Scottish extractions pertaining to their ancestors from Stirling, Alloa, and Ayshire. The senior Hunters have been ardent genealogists in Mission Ward for many years. Ken Child is ward genealogy teacher.

Robert and Helen Hobson Larsen of Sunset Ward, are happily browsing in the new Hobson Genealogy, with Brother and Sister Hobson, having proved their distant kinship to the North Carolina settlers. They were in Ervin MacDonald's Tuesday evening class. Brother Larsen is co-operating in Swedish research.

Mrs. Leona Hawkins and husband Albert Hawkins are calling all Jones families to find Jerome Bonaparte Jones, born on ship enroute to the United States. Also James Hawkins from the Weston-on-Sour, Bristol area. Helen Green of Bay Ward is on the alert for Alphonse and Daniel Green from Madison County, N. Y. She has so many Greens now on hand, she would like to find the "one and only needed." Ruby Lewis is working on Reuben Perkins lines and Secorn Rhea. She will exchange valuable data, on class nights at the Balboa—Stake Class held Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. John William Stull will exchange notes on William Thorpe and Stull lines. The San Francisco Stake Class is held at 3715 26th Street, S. F. Mission Chapel.

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Stake Honors Visiting Teachers For Their Long and Faithful Work

By Gay Taylor

Catch them young, put them to work, and keep them at it, is the policy of the San Mateo Stake Relief Society toward its visiting teachers, whom they recently honored at a Valentine luncheon. About 200 of the 250 visiting teachers of the Stake were served by the stake board.

The teachers singled out for special bouquets were Hazel Young of San Carlos who has gone out as a visiting teacher every month for 19 years; Ingrid Nelson of San Carlos who has 50 years of service behind her; Beatrice Rasmussen of San Mateo—absent because of illness—who has served 48 years; Bernice Stanton 19, of San Bruno, who is the youngest teacher in the Stake; Artha Dayton, 75, of Burlingame, Rosabelle Durrant, 76, of San Mateo 2nd; Lois Stoker, 72, of San Mateo, and—also absent because of illness—Carrie Siebold, 83, of San Mateo. The last four were honored because they are the four oldest teachers of the Stake.

IN TALKING to these dedicated women, it became clear that they have a deep feeling for the importance of their work as visiting teachers. Hazel Young began her visiting teaching in San Francisco and for ten years she and her companion, Alta Hammer, set aside the first Monday after the first Tuesday of each month to do their teaching. No social or family plans were allowed to interfere. Hazel Young had to undergo a serious thyroid operation, but by going early one month and late the next and piecing the operation in between she was able to do her teaching as usual.

During the war when no gasoline was available she and her companion walked all through the Marina in San Francisco to cover their district. When Hazel Young moved to Redwood City, she attended Relief Society two days later and two days after that was out visiting. **INGRID NELSON** with 50 years experience as a visiting teacher, began in Denmark, as a convert at the age of 18. She did teaching in Salt Lake City, where she met and married her husband; in Brigham City, in San Leandro and now in

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A Father Gives Advice To His Missionary Son

By Lenore Wood

That which follows is a talk given by A Seldon Millward at the Testimonial of his son Gary prior to his recent departure for the Mexican Mission. Because we of Claremont enjoyed Sel's fine talk so much we felt we would like to share it with those who could not attend.

I shall direct my remarks to Gary and perhaps to Mel (Marion). If others may care to accept and digest them that will be most encouraging to me. May I quote from the Doc and Cov. Sect. 6 Verse 7, "Seek not for riches but for wisdom, and behold the mysteries of God shall be unfolded unto you, and then shall you be made rich. Behold he that hath eternal life is rich."

GARY HAS BEEN CALLED to preach to a people who are accepting the gospel of Jesus Christ. I think no greater honor could come to any man or woman, than that of proclaiming the message of eternal life. Whosoever desires to serve God is called to the work, but along with this desire to serve he must work and study and have some personal qualification. If you haven't all these qualifications that I shall mention, go to work and ingrain them into your soul.

First, faith, hope and charity. Have virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, brotherly kindness, Godliness, humility, diligence, courage, chastity, energy, earnestness of labor, meekness, teachability, prayerfulness, intellectual honesty. Please do not forget this one, "An eye single to the glory of God" (Unselfishness). These and many others.

Preach the divinity and atonement of Christ.—preach faith, hope and charity. These are the things that count. Preach that there are many dispensations but only one Gospel.

HAVE CONFIDENCE in yourself, coupled with humility. Cultivate dependability. Remember Gary, there will be dark days; there will be days when the bottom will drop out. When this day comes keep the corners of your mouth up, not down. You will be criticized, Gary. If you are sensitive to criticism, school yourself to receive it, for it is coming. If you have cause to criticize others, give it constructively, in a kind manner.

Give people a second hearing, and a third, and a fourth and so on. Hold them under analysis, have an open mind, cultivate suspended judgment. We all should do some cultivating in this respect. Those we thought of most unkindly, of become our warmest friends."

Acquire the ability to remember names. This is the trait of good fellowship. "Attention is the mother of memory."

Remember the health habit. (Word of Wisdom). The missionary must always bear in mind the law of self denial. Parents at home who are keeping the missionaries in the field practice the law of economy. I am sure this law will be practiced in the Millward residence for the next two years.

The capacity to do diligent work is most essential. Be successful in your work Gary, and you will induce others to work. Be a leader, not a follower—too many of us follow. It is your prerogative to represent the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; will you also represent the Oakland-Berkeley Stake and the Claremont Ward with dignity and sobriety. The missionary accomplishes much, while we at home are sometimes found wanting. May I say this to those of us who are not in the field of labor, (of course we should all be

"Behold I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom ye seek shall suddenly come to his temple."
—Malachi 3:1.

My Testimony

By Mabel B. Liddell

The faith of a little child has strengthened the hearts and testimonies of adults on many occasions. Sister Mabel Wells, beloved teacher of little children for more than 30 years, now teaching in Junior Sunday School in Balboa Second ward shares with us such an experience in her life.

Her husband, Elder William Wells, had served two missions for the Church, one in the Southern States and one in England. In his patriarchal blessing he was promised that he would serve a third mission to a people of unknown tongue. He told Sister Wells just before his passing that he was going to serve his third mission and that she would have many trials to endure in life. She was left with four little children to support as best she could.

THE YEAR FOLLOWING his death her eight year old daughter, Leta became critically ill from a form of vaccine poisoning causing spinal damage to the extent of a slowly creeping paralysis. Doctors predicted that her life expectancy might be limited to weeks but that it was possible she would linger on for three years.

To the young mother this was a sore trial. However, in the months that followed, little Leta's faith brought beauty and understanding in a rarely felt manner to her family and others.

One day as her mother, their bishop and others were kneeling beside the child's bed in prayer for her recovery, little Leta told them that her Daddy was there beside her. Sister Wells said that she too could feel his presence but being deeply touched she left the room so her daughter would not see her cry. The little girl turned to her bishop and said, "I am going to stay with Mamma for a while, for she needs me."

AFTER THAT she grew better for a time. She never did walk again, but went about the home in her little wheel chair, playing with the other children and taking part in family activities. She helped make flowers for a May Festival and was taken to Sunday School

Young People of Palo Alto Wards Have Full Calendar of Activity

By June Mc Kell Darby

"Brimming with activity"—that's what the young people's calendar in the Palo Alto Second Ward has looked like since the first of the year—dancing, ice skating, candy-pulling, trip to the snow, slumber parties, round table discussions, Scout Court of Honor, and M Men basketball.

The young set whirled, swooped, and tripped the light fantastic at the annual stake Rose Prom held February 8 at the Los Altos Recreation Hall and sponsored by the Mia Mads and Explorers. The decorations were a Valentine Fantasy, and Ron Simpson's orchestra supplied the "real cool" music.

reception of Helen Poll went ice skating Jan. 28, then to Helen's afterward for refreshments. About 30 Mia Mads met with the Explorers for a candy-pull, games and dancing, January 28.

Explorers and Scouts are planning an overnight trip to the snow to ski and toboggan.

Junior Gleaners and Junior M Men are having interesting class discussions under the direction of Marg Bennion and Dick Stoddard. They had a round table discussion Feb. 11 with Ron Poelman, Neil Hatch, and Bill Bradford participating. The subject centered around "Dating."

Margaret Leigh was guest speaker in the Gleaner-M Men class on Jan. 28 and gave a stimulating talk about her great grandfather, Brigham Young. The 25 in attendance were thrilled with her personal account of the great leader.

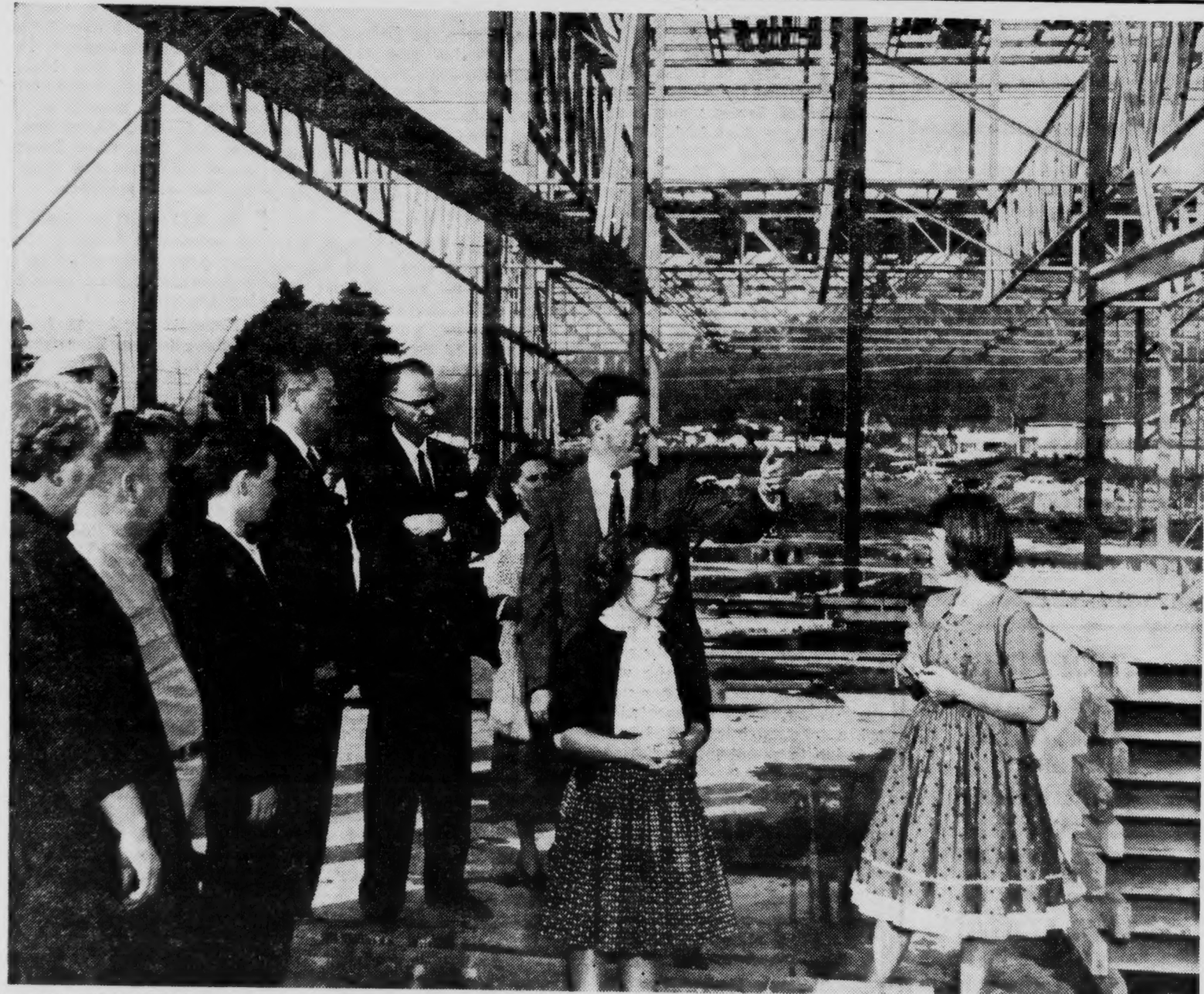
Many members of the ward were able to attend the Scout Court of Honor in January. It was highlighted by an impressive ceremony in which Leroy Norton was presented his Eagle Scout Award.

With the humming of a Spring melody and the rustle of sheet music, practicing for the Ward Music Festival, to be held on March 11, got off to a fine start Feb. 11. Carol Anderson chose the songs.

The saddened mother bowed her head on the bed and said, "Take her Will, I can endure no more." The little hand then unclasped and Leta went with her father.

Through this beautiful experience Sister Wells has learned the certainty of life after death with rare conviction and the eternal joy that is possible for a family who have been sealed for time and all eternity in the Temples of God. The Beehive group under the di-

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THE MAGNIFICENT SCOPE of the Tri-Stake Center on Temple Hill opened the eyes of Bay Area people who visited the site on open house days. Here J. Howard Dunn, project manager, is shown explaining the progress of the work to an Oakland-Berkeley Stake group. Funds are needed urgently to keep pace with the work. Reminds President O. Leslie Stone, Oakland-Berkeley Stake; Norman B. Creer, Walnut Creek Stake, and Milton F. Ream, Hayward Stake.

Leadership Opportunity Provided For Students

By Lenore Wood

Claremont ward is indeed a ward of opportunity! Located in Berkeley and Oakland adjacent to the University of California this ward is practically on a semester schedule. Many of our members are students—husbands and wives with little, or not-so-little families who join with us for a time.

From these members come many of our leaders who give wholeheartedly of their time, then leave and are replaced when the semester ends or when student housing is available to them (in Berkeley Ward). Each knows his present opportunity is limited by the length of his sojourn, and to meet the calling with honor to himself and with achievement in the position, he must fill each day, each meeting and each lesson with an earnest effort. Of these Doctrine and Covenants says: "If ye have desire to serve God, ye are called to the work." (Sec. 4, Verse 3).

Truly Claremont is the birthplace of opportunity and it offers to all willing members live courses in leadership. And when you leave, your record will mean an honor record of services, and you will be happy.

BEST WISHES go with Gene and Dorothy Bramhall, Cecil and Norma Wells, Perry and Joan Bingham, and Glenn and Donette Bergeson, who all have given fine service.

CLAREMONT'S MIA has recently been reorganized following the release of Cecil and Norma Wells who served as presidents of the organizations so faithfully and so well. Presiding over the Young Men will be Brother Jerry Zenger, with Robert Anderson as manual counselor and Vic Wareham as Activity counselor.

vic and his wife Shirley (who

wife of Brother Fred Reiche and mother of four fine children. Prior to her coming to Berkeley 12 years ago she was active in the Primary as ward president and as a stake board member. She has also had previous work in the MIA both as an executive and as a teacher. She has a strong testimony of the gospel.

Marilyn Rosenhof will serve as Activity Counselor with the Young Ladies. Salt Lake City was her place of birth in 1936. She moved with her family to Boise, Idaho, where she attended in drama, music and sociology. She attended the BYU where she continued her work in drama. In 1956 the family moved to Portland Ore. where Marilyn joined them and began work at the University of Oregon. It was here that she met her husband and they were married September 1957 in the Salt Lake Temple. The couple then came to Berkeley where Brother Rosenhof is attending the University of California.

Claremont was represented on the Los Angeles Temple trip of February 14 and 15 by the following: Don C. Wood, Annette V. Wood, George and LaVerne Bain, Florence Heald, Herman Offens, Donetta Bergeson, A. Seldon Millward, M. Elmo Carr, and Ellen Carr. The following young people did baptismal work: Ross Ribarich, Wyatt Ribarich, Wallace Carr, and Trinitie Carr.

David Tucker has recently gone into the U.S. military service. His many friends miss him for he has been faithful in his duties as a priest and has taken an active part in MIA and other ward activities.

John R. and Donna Wilkens are happy over the arrival of baby girl Jill born February 5. A welcome addition indeed to their family of three sons.

Gerald and Eleanor Meuter have also added a baby girl to their family this month. Gerald has recently been called to serve in the Sunday School Superintendency.

Two marriage announcements will be of interest in Claremont Ward. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Malin Pack have the honor of announcing the marriage of their daughter Virginia Alice, to Lloyd Edwin Erickson on January 21 in the Salt Lake Temple. The couple will be at home at 2970 West 11th Street, Los Angeles. Both are well remembered members of Claremont Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter James Corbett announce the pending marriage of their daughter Coraleen and George Knight Warford Jr. on February 25. The marriage will take place in the Salt Lake Temple. George, who joined the Church in Claremont several years ago, filled a Stake mission here, then attended the BYU. He was recently discharged from military service and plans to continue his schooling at the University of California in Berkeley.

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Richmond Ward

Ward Teaching Showing Gains

By Catherine R. O'Connor

Almost 300 percent improvement in Ward teaching was recorded by Richmond Ward in January, when 76 percent of the work was done, as against 26 per cent in December, 1957.

A social highlight of the past month was a pre-Valentine's Day, "Dads and Daughters' Date", sponsored by the Primary and coordinated by Sister Kitty Cecil, counselor, with cooperation of Primary teachers.

Sister Thelma Hatt, Primary president, said girls between 9 and 11 years old attended, dating their fathers, uncles or members of the Ward Bishopric, who stood in for absent fathers. Games and refreshments were enjoyed by approximately 50 guests. Sister Lucy Thompson led square dancing.

Brother John Nash, instructor of the Richmond Ward Seminary, conducted a special sacrament meeting program February 9, presenting talks by his students and urging parents to encourage high school age young people to attend at 7 a.m., daily classes.

Speaking on lives of Book of Mormon prophets and lessons we can learn from them were Susan Amtoft, Annette Morley, Christine Pitcher, George Stanley and Leonard Thomson. A male quintet provided music.

The Mutual Improvement Association will sponsor a ward building fund benefit dinner between 6:30

Berkeley Second

Gail Larson's Father Dies

Heber Wickens, 78, who was honored in March, 1957 on the occasion of his retirement from the newspaper business, died January 30 at his residence, 563 Cleveland Ave. in Salt Lake City. Brother Wickens was the father of Mrs. Gunnar (Gail) Larson, of El Cerrito, member of Berkeley Second Ward.

Born in Salt Lake City March 21, 1880, Brother Wickens started work as an apprentice stereotyper in 1897, at the age of 16, in the Deseret News plant situated at South Temple and Main St. He also had been employed on the old Salt Lake Herald-Republican, the Rocky Mountain News in Denver, the Salt Lake Tribune and the Newspaper Agency Corp.

Upon his retirement he had worked 60 years in the newspaper business and was honored by his fellow workers at the Newspaper Agency Corporation with a farewell ceremony.

Mrs. Larson has been president of the Berkeley Second Ward YWMA for several years.

and 8 p.m., Friday, March 21 at the Nevin Avenue chapel. Members and friends are invited to attend.

A similar benefit dinner on April 18 will be sponsored by the Priesthood.

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San Mateo Ward

February Busy Dance Month In Stake MIA

By K. Lund

STAKE TEEN GOLD and GREEN DANCE

The Teen Gold & Green Dance was held Jan. 31, and sponsored by the Beehives and Scouts. The theme for this dance was "June in January." Mary Pyper, Beehive teacher of the San Mateo Second Ward, was assisted by the Beehive girls in decorating. Redwood City Ward Beehives took charge of the table decorations. Bob and Charlene Denny were in charge of the dances. The Denny's taught new dances and also had several mixers.

STAKE GOLD & GREEN DANCE

The San Mateo Stake Mutual held their first Gold and Green Dance on Feb. 1, under the direction of MIA Supt. Kenneth Peterson, and President Rhea Gustavson. The theme of the dance was "Golden Belles of 1958." Effective lighting was used to set off silhouettes of gold bells mounted on large green and gold frames. Thanks go to Bertha Hendryx, stake activity counselor, and Betty Jean Roberts, stake secretary-treasurer, in charge of decorations, and assisted by Pearl Dean, Charlene Denny, Marjean Wrede, Katie Lund, and John Sanders.

The following girls were honored: Burlingame Ward—Anne Maas, Linda Peterson; Redwood City Ward—Peggy Collins Miller, Ruth Packer, Rumina Rivers, Luzon Ross, Patricia Wallwork; San Bruno Ward—Sydney Dyal; San Carlos Ward—Sandra Bastian, Dora Lee Chambers, Denise Montague, Claudia Stephens; San Mateo Ward—Carol Bates, Lee Ann Cagle, Marilyn Fuller, Ruth Gustavson, Gerta Peterson; San Mateo Second Ward—Elizabeth Dean, Sharp Park Ward—Gloria D. Hawker, Irene Bolton, Pearl Dean, Stake Age-Group Counselor was in charge of the presentations of the girls and Merle Gaisford, Stake Junior Gleaner teacher, was commentator, with drama director Marjean Wrede assisting.

Bob and Charlene Denny were in charge of lighting, sound system, and check room. The San Mateo Ward and San Mateo Second Ward were in charge of refreshments.

President Mel Pickering congratulated each girl and presented her with a book "To Love and To

Nagel Named U Of U Coach

Ray Nagel, 30-year-old former assistant coach at UCLA, is the new head football coach at the University of Utah.

The handsome Nagel, a last-minute candidate, replaces Jack Curcio, who resigned to take over as football coach at Stanford University. Nagel will receive \$12,000 a year as against the \$14,000 Curcio received as head football coach and athletic director. James R. (Bud) Jak, who was named athletic director at the U of U, will receive \$10,000.

"It's a real, real pleasure," Nagel told the Board of Regents. "I hope you, too, will be pleased."

Nagel played football at UCLA as a quarterback and upon his graduation in 1950 became Coach Red Sanders' backfield coach at the Los Angeles institution.

He was player-coach with the professional Chicago Cardinals in 1953, became an assistant coach for Bud Wilkinson at Oklahoma in 1954 and returned to UCLA in 1955.

Cherish "SWEETHEART BALL"

Valentine's Day was the appropriate date to have the Sweetheart Ball so the Stake MIA set aside this day to honor the Sweethearts of the San Mateo Stake (all newly engaged couples). This dance was sponsored by the MIA-maids and Explorers. The hall was decorated in the valentine theme and dance music was provided by Walt Tollen-

son's orchestra. Don Alexander sang "Stay as Sweet as You Are" and for the grand march sang "A Pretty Girl Is Like A Melody." Verma Dyal, Stake MIA-maid teacher and Pearl Dean should be congratulated for sponsoring such a successful evening.

FIRST STAKE YOUTH MEETING

Stake Youth Meeting for the young ladies and young men of the San Mateo Stake was held Sunday evening February 9, at the San Mateo Ward Chapel.

Apostle George O. Morris and Patriarch Eldred G. Smith, visiting authorities from Salt Lake City, were the main speakers. Apostle Morris was formerly superintendent of the General Board of the MIA.

This meeting was held under the direction of the San Mateo Stake Superintendent, Kenneth Peterson, and President Rhea Gustavson.

S. M. Stake President Pickering Transferred to Salt Lake City

"There must be a reason," stated President Melvin P. Pickering as he stood upon the rostrum conducting the quarterly conference of San Mateo stake for the first and the last time. After a lifetime of service in the church, during which he did every job to which he was called ("I was everything except Relief Society president," he said later in an interview) he had been called to the highest office of

night, he also taught the seminary for two years early every morning. And now upon the rostrum, conducting his first and last conference as stake president, he could report that the offices of the stake were organized 98% complete. It would have been 100%, except for the fact that his own release had caused some reorganization.

"Whatever we are called to do in Salt Lake City," he said, "we will remain active. We don't intend to become worm-eaten relics." Then he sat down, and the choir sang.

"I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord. Over mountain, or plain, or sea; I'll say what you want me to say, dear Lord; I'll be what you want me to be."

Looking back over his life, he could recall his boyhood in Salt Lake City, and school at Centerville. In 1922, Melvin Pickering was called to the Swiss German mission for three years, and upon returning worked for the Pickering Transfer Company (no relation) at Salt Lake City as office manager. Three years later he married Iris Wood, of Salt Lake City at the Salt Lake Temple, June 27, 1928.

In 1932 Pickering began with Universal Carloading as a salesman in Salt Lake City, and from that time until 1943 was transferred to various localities as he progressed in the company.

During the period of moving about, he gradually lost contact with the church. And then one day in San Francisco he met on the corner of First and Mission a man he hadn't seen in years, Bishop Sorensen, who had been his bishop in Los Angeles.

"What ward are you in?" the bishop asked.

Pickering was embarrassed. He didn't even know.

"Is your boy, Richard, baptized?"

Pickering had to admit the boy wasn't.

Sorensen phoned him that afternoon. "You are in the Burlingame ward, your bishop is Stanley Gibb, and there is a baptismal service this evening. While it is a bit irregular, I have arranged for your boy to have his recommend."

So once more Pickering became active, and in 1951 he became bishop of the Burlingame ward. Subsequently he became a member of the High Council of Palo Alto, stake. While holding this office, which kept him busy almost every

Castro Valley Ward

Bishop Emphasizes Aiding Youngsters, Not In Church

By Nell Smith

"We are proud of our young men," said Bishop Heber James Brown, as he was being congratulated upon receiving the Aaronic priesthood award on behalf of the boys of Castro Valley ward at the Hayward Stake conference recently, "but, these boys are already in the fold. It is for the ONE who is NOT with us that we feel concern." Bishop's remarks were prompted by the urgings of President Joseph Fielding Smith to inquire after the unbaptized children, of age, and boys of Priesthood age who had not been ordained within our ward membership.

Quoting from Doc. and Cov. 68:25, which says, "... inasmuch as parents have children in Zion, or in any of her stakes which are organized, that teach them not to understand the doctrine of repentance, faith in Christ the Son of the living God, and of baptism and the gift of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of the hands, when eight years old, the sin be upon the heads of the parents."

President Smith said that the responsibility did not stop with the parents but that bishops, priesthood leaders and auxiliaries which

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Help Youngsters Bishop Urges

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were concerned with this age group were also expected to lend a hand in bringing about the performance of these ordinances at the proper time.

BISHOP BROWN announced that Castro Valley Primary has already launched a drive to contact the parents or guardians of children approaching or past their eighth birthday to remind them of the Lord's commandment in this matter. Priesthood leaders are being alerted in the same cause with boys twelve and over who have not received the blessing of ordination to the Holy priesthood. And, of course our ward teachers are ever aware of their responsibility in this matter. Members of the ward are invited to inform their bishop or ward teachers if they have knowledge of any persons who should receive these ordinances and have not.

The new Relief Society presidency continued with their preparations for the Relief Society annual Birthday celebration without missing a beat. Theme of the event will be international in food, song and story with the luncheon consisting of foreign recipes made by sisters who claim identification with the foreign country of their choice. All sisters are invited to attend on

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High Scholastic Rating Achieved By Five Members of Local Wards

By Ann Crockett

All over awakening America BIG NEWS is "sputniking" from our schools with the accelerated training program for high caliber minds. The accent is now on brains as well as brawn.

At Portola Junior High School five of 23 "special class" students to rate this distinction are Bonnie Baer, Candy Olson, David Jensen, Susan Holmes, and Janice Riddle. All are Second Warders except Janice, who now lives in Richmond Ward.

Beginning in February, this "Pilot Project" for competent learners is accelerating interest in Science, English, Mathematics, and Social Studies.

No egg-heads, these creditable youngsters are as socially well-adjusted as they are brilliant—thanks to Mormon backgrounds, where spirituality, intellectual and social development go hand in hand.

IT IS NOT our intention to imply that brawn cannot be brainy. Take for instance, handsome Gary Liotta who, as a golfer, exemplified both, when he tied for first place in the February Hayward ward Golf Tournament. As the runner-up, Gary says, "I lost a disappointing play-off at the second hole, but a \$100 merchandise order was temporary compensation."

A student at Contra Costa Junior College, Gary is studying Business Administration as a practical background for his chosen field—that of a golf pro. If shelves of trophies, won in Junior and Senior tournaments are an indication of achievement, "tee-totaler" Gary Liotta can anticipate successful pay-off for his play-offs.

An interesting special feature at this month's So and So Club was Barbara Ellis's beautifully illustrated lecture on modern art.

The MIA family Valentine Dance successfully initiated a Mutual effort in a new type of party, which included parents and children. Having enjoyed the evening, families are looking forward to many such events.

Three very missed persons at Church gatherings have been Lois and Nellie Seonberg, who were ill, and Phyllis Daniels who was called to Salt Lake City because of her mother's illness.

Friends of the Gunnar Larsons are extending condolences to Gail, who recently lost her father, the well-known Heber Wickens of Salt Lake.

An expert stereotyper, Mr. Wickens was formerly employed by the Desert News, the old Salt Lake Herald-Republican, the Rocky Mountain News in Denver, the Salt Lake Tribune, and the Newspaper Agency Corp.

Here to enjoy the rain-dropped view from the Gillespie's panoramic windows, are Joel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Gillespie, of Tooele, Utah.

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By Dallas S. Burch

A bold program aimed at bringing the restored gospel to fully 20,000 more people than could be reached by usual proselyting methods has been in progress for several months in the area served by the Northern Mexican Mission. Begun last fall, the program was based partly on the intense interest of Mexican people in basketball. Other motivations were a deep-rooted love of good music and the importance of religion in their lives.

From time to time, Elder J. Elbert "Bert" Smith in the mission field there, has commented on the program in letters to his parents, Glenn and Violet Smith, of Los Altos. Such reports collectively disclose increasing interest in Mormonism throughout the area, cordiality to missionaries, and already willingness to receive their messages.

THE GENERAL PLAN was to organize a group of elders, train them as a basketball team and for choral work, and go on the road for several months, visiting some 50 cities and towns. An expected average attendance of 400 at each visit would thus enable 20,000 persons to learn of Mormonism. "The way we have it organized," Elder Smith explained, "is to go into a town, play basketball game with a home team, and then put on a musical program, followed by religious discussions. We have a complete gospel plan and special subjects such as the word of wisdom, tithing, and Mutual program." He added that the game and music commonly lead to much questioning concerning who the Mormons are—which in turn provides opportunity for effective missionary work.

In the practical operation of the plan, as expected, the basketball competition brought out a large attendance, especially where there was good advance billing. In one instance, somewhat embarrassing to the elders, the game was advertised as "United States vs Mexico." Full-page newspaper headlines were not unusual.

In Durango, the visiting Mormons received a police escort through town for a visit to the governor of the state and general of the army. Other developments in the program have been billboard advertising, frequent appearances of the singing elders on radio broad casts in various cities, and the making of tape recordings for distribution in still other cities. Elder Smith, a former chorister of the Los Altos Ward, is in charge of the music.

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THESE ELDERS in Northern Mexico Mission combined basketball, music and gospel messages to take message of Mormonism to 20,000 persons in Mexico, as reported by Elder J. Elbert Smith, of Los Altos Ward, second from right, front row. They are, from left, back row: Merrill Beckstead, Salt Lake City, Dee Cuzzins, Lovell, Wyo.; Kay Lewis, Provo, Utah; John Halverson, Salt Lake City, and Robert Sealy, Preston, Ida.; front row: Bruce Fuller, La Crescenta; Martin Weir, Los Angeles; William Brown, Turner, Ore.; Elder Smith, and Burl Morley, Provo, Utah.

by guitar or borrowed local piano. When tuning of the piano was necessary, the elders found they could do it with an automobile wrench if a tuning wrench was not to be had. Musical selections embraced both sacred and popular numbers—some Mexican—and usually a special arrangement of Come, Come Ye Saints.

BUT ALONG WITH its highlights the tour also had some somber shadows. Games were played out of doors, sometimes in temperatures between 25 and 40 degrees F, at which muscles became stiff and painful. In order to maintain most of their automobile repairing. One town Fresnillo, welcomed the

Dr. Tyler On Indian Board

Dr. S. Lyman Tyler, director of libraries and chairman of the Indian Education Committee at Brigham Young University, has been appointed to a national commission to study United States policy toward the Indians from 1925 through 1956.

The group is the Commission on the Rights, Privileges and Responsibilities of the American Indian. It also will compare Canadian Indian policies with those of United States.

The commission, established under an initial grant of \$100,000 from the Fund for the Republic, is headed by Dr. O. Meredith Wilson, president of University of Oregon, and a graduate of BYU.

Dr. Tyler said the commission also will consider legal economic, and social measures affecting Indians with a view to their fuller and more responsible participation in American life.

He warned, however, that pressure on Indian communities could be tragic to individuals and destroy culture which should be preserved.

Dr. Tyler joined the history faculty of BYU in 1952.

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San Francisco Stake Temple Work Gains Threefold During Past Year

Temple work by members of the San Francisco Stake, during the year 1957, increased more than threefold over 1956.

Under the direction of President Serge Lauper and the Stake Genealogical Committee Chairman, Edgar L. Williams, activity in genealogical work has been greatly increased. Regular monthly excursions are made to the Los Angeles Temple via bus and private cars and other means of transportation.

Brother Williams has outlined plans for the coming year which should result in an even greater increase in activities and it is hoped that by demonstrating our desire to fulfill our obligations in doing temple work, the day may be hastened when the Bay Area will be the site of another of the Lord's Temples.

According to the records of the various genealogical committees in the San Francisco Stake, 236 members of the Priesthood and 207 women participated in an even 1000 endowments during 1957 as compared to 128 Priesthood members and 93 women performing 308 endowments in 1956.

BYU Expansion Fund Is Started

Plans for raising \$5 million dollars in 40 months for expanding Brigham Young University, have been announced by President Ernest L. Wilkinson.

The fund-raising program is part of the long-range building plan looking ahead to 1975, centennial year for the big university in Provo, Utah. The program will be increased many times after 1975 in order to meet needs of the burgeoning school.

President Wilkinson said that the "BYU Destiny Fund" will be a start toward five goals: 1. Creation of an outstanding faculty; 2. Additional scholarships; 3. Expansion of the campus; 4. Extension of BYU services to a wider segment of the Church; 5. Acquisition of more books and other aids to learning.

Since 1950 some 18½ million dollars has been spent in building at BYU, and since the end of the war, about 25 million, President Wilkinson about three months ago announced plans for a new 12 million dollar expansion.

Enrollment at the school is now well over 10,000 students. When it started 83 years ago 29 students enrolled.

California members of the National Advisory Committee for the Destiny Fund include Allen Christensen, San Francisco; Golden Driggs, Fresno; Gordon Hawkins, Bakersfield, and Reed Callister, William Gay, William Jackson, Dean Olson and Rose Marie Reid, all of Los Angeles.

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Oakland First To Give Box Social At Claremont

Oakland First Ward will sponsor an old-fashioned box lunch social Saturday, March 22, at the Claremont Ward on Stuart Street Berkeley.

Gaily-trimmed boxes packed with delicious food will be auctioned to the highest bidder. Proceeds will go toward the new Ward Chapel on Temple Hill.

Entertainment will precede the auction. "This event should bring back a lot of happy memories for the older Saints, and be a wonderful experience for the younger ones," the committee in charge stated. "We hope all of our old friends will join with us in the fun so grab your partners and keep a date with us."

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University Ward Grows Rapidly

By Mildred Anderson

University Ward membership, now more than 100, is continuing to grow and soon will be bursting out of the present building near the University of California's campus. Members hope to have a new chapel within the next few years.

Containing perhaps the largest group of marriageable young people, the ward seldom is without new engagements being announced.

The two most recently engaged are David Gardner and Elizabeth Fuhrman. Both are students, Dave at the University of California and Liz at San Francisco. They plan to be married in the Salt Lake Temple in June.

The most recent engagement announced is that of Connie Corbett and Clayne Ricks. Connie is a graduate of the BYU in Education and is now teaching in Alameda. Clayne is a graduate of the University of Utah and is now doing graduate work at the University of California. They plan to be married this summer.

Congratulations are in store for Betty Borg. Betty entered the University on a scholarship and has now been awarded a year's study in Europe by the Northern California Rotary Club (which includes parts of Nevada). Her name was entered by the Rotary Club in Sacramento where Betty's parents live. Betty is an English major with a minor in French. She has been an outstanding student at the University and an active member of the YWMA and is now president of Lambda Delta Sigma.



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